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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CENTO

SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO CENTO SECRETARY-GENERAL

REF: STATE 089378

1. CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL GURUN HAS ASKED THAT I PUT  
FOLLOWING "CONSIDERATIONS" TO SECRETARY IN RESPONSE TO  
HIS LETTER IN REFTEL, RATHER THAN WAITING FOR A FORMAL  
REPLY TO BE DRAFTED:

A. GURUN REPORTS THAT INITIAL REACTION OF TURKISH  
FOREIGN MINISTER IS THAT UNLESS AN OPPORTUNITY IS PROVIDED  
FOR A "FORMAL RESTRICTED SESSION" WITH SECRETARY, HE  
WOULD PREFER THAT ENTIRE MEETING BE POSTPONED. HOWEVER,  
HAS SAID THAT HE IS PREPARED TO GO ALONG IF THE PAKISTANI  
AND IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS THINK DIFFERENTLY. SECRETARY  
GENERAL FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT,  
AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICALLY BAD FOR CENTO, TO ARRANGE  
A POSTPONEMENT. IRANIAN AND PAKISTANI AMBASSADORS  
IN ANKARA, WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT  
THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS, THINK THAT  
THEIR PRINCIPALS WILL SHARE TURKISH FOREIGN  
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MINISTER'S VIEW.

B. GURUN, ACCORDINGLY, ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD  
BE POSSIBLE FOR SECRETARY TO POSTPONE HIS MOSCOW  
TRIP BY ONE DAY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY  
TO ATTEND MEETING IN WASHINGTON. IF THIS IS  
NOT POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE VENUE OF

MEETING TO LONDON AND TO REARRANGE SCHEDULE SO THAT CEREMONIAL OPENING SESSION COULD TAKE PLACE LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 18 OR, PREFERABLY, MORNING OF APRIL 19. THIS WOULD PERMIT SECRETARY, IN ADDITION TO GIVING DINNER TO ATTEND A SHORT, FORMAL OPENING AND A "FORMAL RESTRICTED" MEETING.

C. SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTED IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD ENCOUNTERED A GREAT DEAL OF SENSITIVITY AMONG REGIONAL COUNTRIES TO THIS LAST MINUTE CHANGE. SENSITIVITY APPARENTLY IS INTENSIFIED BY FACT THAT REASON SECRETARY WOULD BE CANCELLING HIS ATTENDANCE AT CENCO OPENING WAS IN ORDER TO BE IN MOSCOW, WHICH, AFTER ALL, IS CAPITAL OF COUNTRY THAT CENCO WAS ORIGINALLY ORGANIZED TO DEFEND AGAINST. SYMBOLISM OF ALL THIS, HE REPORTED, HAD BEEN COMMENTED ON BY ALL WHOM HE HAD CONSULTED.

D. IF SUGGESTIONS IN PARA B ABOVE ARE ACCEPTABLE, HE ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW UP ON SECRETARY'S ORIGINAL LETTER BY ASKING OUR EMBASSIES IN CONCERNED CAPITALS TO TALK DIRECTLY TO THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS.

COMMENT: FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, OF COURSE I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROLONG HIS STAY IN LONDON LONG ENOUGH TO BE PRESENT AT FORMAL OPENING AND "RESTRICTED" SESSION. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EASY TO REARRANGE  
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THE SCHEDULES SO THAT THE MORE ROUTINE BUSINESS COULD BE HANDLED AFTER SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW ON 19TH. I HAVE HELD OUT NO HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DELAY MOSCOW DEPARTURE BY ONE DAY, ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, THIS WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE OUTCOME FROM STANDPOINT OF OUR PERHAPS PAROCHIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

2. REQUEST GUIDANCE.  
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